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SUBJECT: GIRAUD VISIT TO WASHINGTON: LOW QUALITY

PLUTONIUM TO EASE PROLIFERATION AND TERRORIST THREAT

REF: PARIS 30648

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH CEA ADMINISTRATOR GIRAUD, HE HAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE ERDA OFFICIALS DURING HIS NOVEMBER VISIT TO WASHINGTON THE POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING IN THE COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR INDUSTRY THE ISOTOPES OF PLUTONIUM THAT ARE NOT IDEAL FOR MAKING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES AS A MEANS OF REDUCING THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND NUCLEAR TERRORISM.

2. GIRAUD IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE NUCLEAR AUTHORITIES OF THE ADVANCED COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE TIME TO EXPLAIN TO THE PUBLIC THE DIFFERENCE IN THE BOMBMaking CAPABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE ISOTOPES OF PLUTONIUM. POSSIBLY, STUDIES WILL SHOW THAT IT IS FEASIBLE TO FORCE LOWER QUALITY ISOTOPES OF PLUTONIUM TO BE PRODUCED IN REACTORS SO THAT THE SPENT FUEL AND THE PRODUCTS OF REPROCESSING WILL BE LESS USEFUL TO PROLIFERATORS AND TERRORISTS. ALSO, THE TOXIC CHARAC-  
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TERISTICS OF THESE ISOTOPES MAY EASE THEIR HANDLING

PROBLEMS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH EFFECTS.

3. GIRAUD INDICATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSING  
THIS ISSUE WITH INTERESTED OFFICIALS DURING HIS NOVEMBER  
VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

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